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since the daughters of all classes are likely to need it; and her book testifies to the thoroughness with which she enters into the subject. The first four chapters deal with the preparation for the coming child; the last four with the care of the child.

ISOLATION HOSPITALS. By H. Franklin Parsons, M.D. (Lond.) D.P.H. (Cambridge.) Formerly First Assistant Officer of the Local Government Board. Cambridge, at the University Press, G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. Price 12 shillings, 6 pence.

The isolation of infectious disease, whether in hospital or in the home, is the subject considered in this volume, which is one of the Cambridge Public Health Manuals published under the joint editorship of G. S. Graham-Smith, M.D., University Lecturer in Hygiene, and I. E. Purvis, M.A., University Lecturer in Chemistry and Physics in their application to hygiene and preventive medicine. The construction of the isolation hospital and everything relating to its efficient conduct is discussed. The reasons for the high cost of maintenance is fully explained and members of county boards and hospital committees may confidently expect to find in its pages the solution to many problems that beset their service. The small village hospital, by the way, with its local board and more or less patriarchal system of government, seems a more human and kindly institution than the huge state and county hospitals of our own country. The book does not go into the nursing in isolation hospitals but from the rules cited in the conduct of certain joint hospitals one gathers that the nursing is by no means overlooked.

THE DETERMINATION OF SEX. By L. Doncaster, Sc.D., Fellow of Kings College, Cambridge. Cambridge: The University Press, New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

In a war-ridden world there are still to be found those who live in the pursuit of law and order; evidence the present volume which, though chiefly of interest to students of biology, will be found readable by many people entirely innocent of scientific knowledge. There is no hint at control of sex; there are no startling theories to attract the speculative mind; it may perhaps be best described as a summary of the research relating to sex determination up to the present time. The subject is by no means exhausted, and much remains to be done before the problem is solved.